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SUBJECT: PROPOSED PACIFIC NORTHWEST REGIONAL COMMISSION IOGA TRADE
MISSION

REF: A) STATE 148018 B) STATE 156633 C) JAKARTA 9095

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1. BECAUSE OF PRIOR COMMITMENT TO NEW YORK STATE IOGA TRADE
MISSION FOR FIRST TWO WEEKS DECEMBER 1977, EMBASSY IS NOT
ABLE TO CONCUR WITH TIMING OF SUBJECT IOGA VISIT AND
SUGGESTS PNRC RESCHEDULE ITINERARY FOR EARLY NOVEMBER 1977.

2. IN CONTRAST TO DEPRESSED MARKET CONDITIONS IN RECENT
YEARS, MALAYSIA TIMBER INDUSTRY MADE SIGNIFICANT RECOVERY
IN 1976 BROUGHT ABOUT BY STRONG OVERSEAS DEMANDS BY
MAJOR INDUSTRIAL COUNTRIES. PRODUCTION OF SAWLOGS ROSE
BY 37 PERCENT TO 26.2 MILLION CUBIC METERS AFTER A DOWN-
TURN OF 10.5 PERCENT IN PUTPUT IN 1975. OUTPUT OF SAWN
TIMBER SHOWED AN INCREASE OF 40.8 PERCENT IN
OUTPUT TO REACH 5.4 MILLION CUBIC METERS AS
AGAINST A DECLINE OF 6.3 PERCENT IN 1975.
DURING THE SAME PERIOD, EXPORT EARNINGS FROM
TIMBER SOARED BY 110.2 PERCENT TO M\$2,335.0

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MILLION OF WHICH SAW LOGS ACCOUNTED FOR M\$1,450.2
MILLION AND SAWN TIMBER, M\$884.8 MILLION. CURRENT
TRENDS INDICATE THAT SHORT-TERM OUTLOOK FOR
MALAYSIAN TIMBER INDUSTRY APPEARS FAVORABLE IN
1977 AND 1978. (NOTE: US\$1.00 APPROXIMATELY M\$2.46).

3. MALAYSIA'S IMPORTS OF WOODWORKING MACHINES

AND ACCESSORIES IN 1975, THE LATEST YEAR FOR WHICH
STATISTICAL DATA AVAILABLE, ARE AS FOLLOWS:-

WOODWORKING MACHINE TOOLS (M\$'000)

U.S.	M\$1,382.0
JAPAN	6,239.9
WEST GERMANY	2,912.6
ITALY	1,824.5
OTHER COUNTRIES	4,223.9
TOTAL	16,582.9

CHAINSAWS

U.S.	513.1
WEST GERMANY	1,929.0
JAPAN	147.2
SWEDEN	M\$ 68.1
OTHER COUNTRIES	59.2
TOTAL	2,716.6

NON-MECHANICAL HANDS SAWS FOR WOOD

U.S.	1.6
JAPAN	152.1
CHINA	148.1
U.K.	53.3
OTHER COUNTRIES	67.8
TOTAL	422.9

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BANDSAWS

U.S.	60.8
JAPAN	663.7
U.K.	133.0
WEST GERMANY	61.8
OTHER COUNTRIES	140.5
TOTAL	1,059.8

CIRCULAR SAW BLADES

U.S.	9.9
SWEDEN	127.6
JAPAN	120.7
WEST GERMANY	M\$ 97.0
OTHER COUNTRIES	147.3
TOTAL	502.5

CHAINSAW BLADES

U.S.	618.5
SWITZERLAND	586.9
WEST GERMANY	182.1
CANADA	97.3

OTHER COUNTRIES	35.0
TOTAL	1,519.8

STRAIGHT SAWS

U.S.	-
WEST GERMANY	49.3
CHINA	4.8
OTHER COUNTRIES	0.1
TOTAL	54.2

OTHER BLADES FOR HAND OR MACHINE SAWS

U.S.	104.1
JAPAN	244.9
SWEDEN	174.7
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U.K.	104.1
OTHER COUNTRIES	M\$ 381.1
TOTAL	1,010.9

SAW BLADES

U.S.	11.9
AUSTRIA	281.4
JAPAN	63.9
U.K.	43.7
OTHER COUNTRIES	286.4
TOTAL	687.3

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4. PRESENTLY, SOME VERY ACCEPTABLE WOODWORKING EQUIPMENT IS MANUFACTURED LOCALLY AND WHICH INCLUDES BAND SAWS, CIRCULAR SAWS, UNIVERSAL SAWS, CUTTER GRINDERS, AUTOMATIC SURFACE PLANERS, TENONING MACHINES, WOOD LATHES, SIDE PLANERS AND MOULDERS, JOINTER MACHINES, BELT AND DISC SANDING MACHINES, HOLLOW CHISEL MORTIZERS AND BORERS, ELECTRIC CROSS CUTTING AND TRENCHING MACHINES, AS WELL AS INDUSTRIAL DRYING EQUIPMENT AND A LIMITED RANGE OF PLYWOOD AND VENEER PRODUCTION MACHINERY ARE MANUFACTURED LOCALLY.

5. THERE ARE ABOUT 545 SAWMILLS, 35 PLYWOOD MILLS AND TWO CHIPPING MILLS IN PENINSULAR MALAYSIA. OF THE 545 SAWMILLS, APPROXIMATELY 60 HAVE DOWNSTREAM FACILITIES INCLUDING 200 KILN DRYERS, 45 PRESSURE TREATMENT PLANTS AND 100 MOLDING PLANING PLANTS. ALMOST ALL THE SAWMILLS ARE OPERATING ABOUT 10 HOURS DAILY. AS FOR PLYWOOD FACTORIES, THE MAJORITY ARE WORKING ON TWO 8-HOUR SHIFTS PER DAY. ACCORDING TO INDUSTRY SOURCES, PRACTICALLY NONE OF THE SAWMILLS AND PLYWOOD FACTORIES HAVE PLANS FOR EXPANSION. APART FROM PLYWOOD FACTORIES, WHICH HAVE AN AVERAGE LABOR FORCE OF 350 EACH, THE SAWMILLS HAVE BETWEEN 10 TO 15 WORKERS EACH. THE UNCLASSIFIED

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FEDERAL INDUSTRIAL DEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY (FIDA), A GOVERNMENT AGENCY RESPONSIBLE FOR INDUSTRIAL DEVELOPMENT IN MALAYSIA, REPORTS THAT IT HAS TODATE APPROVED SOME 10 MEDIUM-SIZED WOOD BASED PROCESSING PLANTS WITH A PROPOSED COMBINED CAPITAL INVESTMENT ESTIMATED AT M\$25.0 MILLION.

6. COMMERCE DEPARTMENT AS ON FILE AN INDUSTRIAL REPORT ON MALAYSIA'S TIMBER INDUSTRY PREPARED ON 4/7/77 BY THE EMBASSY. A COPY OF THE REPORT MAY BE OBTAINED FROM COMMERCE DISTRICT OFFICE IN SEATTLE OR PORTLAND. IT SHOULD BE READ IN CONJUNCTION WITH REFERENCED CABLE.
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